THE BELL RINGER

MONTGOMERY BELL ACADEMY, NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

Student, Honor Councils Project Goals

Crawford To Increase Efficiency

The policy for the Honor Council for 1974-75 will have no major differences from policies of the past few years. The only change will be an attempt to increase the efficiency of the Honor System and make its presence felt.

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The spring tapping for Totomoi was carried out by members chris Armour, Scott Britain, and make Stengel. Those inducted were Walter Morgan and Rupert Palmer.

Founded in 1954 by Dr. R. L. Sager, Totomoi is an honorary fraternity whose members exemplify the highest ideals of MBA. Membership may be conferred



Scantlebury Puts Forth Hopeful Changes, Activities

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Perhaps the greatest mistake a class president can make is to reveal his idealistic aims for the upcoming year. It seems as though it is the fate of each president to eat his own words before the school year has ended. Yet, if this year's Student Council somuch as gains a foothold in the projects it sets out on, it can establish important bases upon which future Student Councils and build. So allow me to seal my own fate by spelling out the hopes so far expressed by the 1974-75 Student Council and Senior Class. One of the oldest problems facing both teachers and students at MBA is the demerit system. After reviewing several other methods of discipline, the student Council has arrived at a two point he faculty and their use of demerit or improving our present system. The first point rests with the faculty and their use of demerit or intended is clipiline. The second point (not yet approved by the faculty) is a change in the method of dealing with demerit disputes. The new method would put the final judgment of demerit disputes in the hands of the Student Council.

During the summer, the Student Council drew up a Hair and Dress Constitution which should hopefully put an end to the misunderstandings concerning the function and power of the Hair and Dress Constitution which should hopefully put an end to the misunderstandings concerning the function and power of the Hair and Dress Constitution which should hopefully put an end to the misunderstandings concerning the function and power of the Hair and Dress Committee. This constitution spells out the limitations bed on student appearance and the method of discipline to be used for such offenses.

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Cheerleaders Promise Inspiration

Although concerned with the trend toward apathy in the student body, the girls are generally optimistic about athletics this year on the hill. To stir up more interest, however, the cheerleaders hope to involve the students in bonfires and "groovy new

This year's cheerleaders, fresh off a "superior" showing at cheer-leading camp, promise to be among the most entertaining and inspiring of the NIL.

This summer, the squad participated in a camp in Cookeville where they competed and practiced with over 900 other girls. Unsurprisingly, our girls received the superior ribbon on the last the superior ribbon on the last the control of the class of of the cla



The 1974 Cheerleaders: left to right, Goertz Johnston. Thompson, Davis, Crenshaw, Not pictured; Adams,

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THE STRUGGLE TO BE EDUCATED By Phil Ownbey

Ultimately, if each pupil is to reach his potential as a person, he must, through all opportunities available at school, gain some degree of self-knowledge as well as appreciation of his own worth. "To make a man better," wrote Chekhov, "you must first show him what he is."

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Self-knowledge. An obstruse term often found in books of philosophy and most often used to mean "a clear perception of truth about oneself." Question . . . how does one obtain self-knowledge "through all (the) opportunities available at school"?

An appreciation of his own worth. Once again we have a philosophic term which leads to a couple of very obvious questions. Question . . . what am I worth? Question . . . what opportunities swaliable at school"?

If the reader has reached this point in "the kulture korner" he is undoubtedly struggling to answer the above questions, for if the reader can truthfully answer these questions he has set criteria by which he may judge his educational system. These criteria are not data sheets which show the ratio of college grade points to high school grade points or other meaningless propaganda but rather a means by which the student can see if he is indeed being educated. (Note: education refers here to a drawing forth from the student things of value from within himself, while instruction refers to an infliction of knowledge upon the student)

Take for instance the first concept of self-knowledge. Who are you? No doubt you think it is a somewhat absurd question to ask yet how can anyone say "I love you" without knowing who the I is. Unfortunately schools do not offer instructional courses in self-knowledge, merely because it is a concept which can not be inflicted upon the student as history can. Instead the educational system must be capable of drawing forth the knowledge from the student, which is a practice which few schools show openly. Do you know who you are? If not, your educational system has not been able to educate you, merely instruct.

Now let's look at the second concept, "an appreciation of his own worth." What am I worth? Here we are faced with another

WE FIND OUR CRIMEFIGHTER ENGAGED IN A TYPICAL MBA PASTTIME: HE IS WATCHING (BUT NOT BETTING ON...) THE LOCAL SUBMARINE RACES, HE IS -





















Small Town USA Lacks "Culture"

Nashville, in addition to its loftier nicknames, has been dubbed by some as "The Armpit of the South", due to its relative lack of cultural activity as compared to other cities. Well, thank your lucky stars that you live in the "Armpit": a lot of other places in the South are in more odiferous regions.

regions.
Take Milan, Tennessee Take Milan, Tennessee for example. Geographically, Milan is in upper West Tennessee, thirty miles north of Jackson. Socioeconomically, Milan consists of ten thousand lower-middle-class farmers and factory workers. Culturally, Milan has next to

Milan has no "gourmet" restaurants (unless you consider country-fried steak haute cuicountry-tried steak haute cur-sine), no art galleries, no theatre groups, no concert halls. There is one movie theater in Milan, that consistently serves up kung-fu thrillers and bad B flicks (a Woody Allen feature was showing for one week, however). The only "culture" in Milan, as it is in al-most every hamlet, is to park your souped-up, jacked-up Plymouth or Mustang or whatever on The Strip, outside the beer joints and the dairy-dips, and create your own amusement. Often the amusement is not of a

Often the amusement is not of a "cultural" nature.

If you are a Tom Wolfe fan and are passing through Milan, however, there is a quasi-cultural activity that you could spot in many a driveway or garage: the art of auto mechanics. Just about every young man in Milan participates in the perfection of his vehicle; just about all the wages carned on the farm or at the wage carned on the farm or at the wage. earned on the farm or at the gas station are spent on chrome, mir-

rors, fixtures, tires, enough fuel for cruisin, and all the paraphenalia needed to make one's car more imposing than the other guy's work of art. Many a Friday and Saturday night is spent with drill in hand, wrench at the ready, preparing for Sunday afternoon cruisin with all the concentration of a sculptor or a composer. composer.

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This year the BELL RINGER will execute two purposes. Journalistically, it will be a reflection of MBA life and it will include features which hopefully will interest the student. Editorially, this paper will serve as a medium for student ex-

pression.

The first purpose will be accomplished by reporting important events, yet limiting this facet of the paper so as not to include "stale" news. More features about the school will increase the student's knowledge of MBA. "Off the Hill" features and interviews will perhaps arouse the student's cultural interest.

rest. Functioning as a medium for student expression, the editors ill consider all opinions for publication. Editorials will appear form like this article, like "the kulture korner," or as letters the editor.

to the editor.

The BELL RINGER is proud to announce the continuation of "The Gent," an original cartoon by 1974 alumnus Will Akers.

The BELL RINGER wishes to thank Akers. a Vanderbilt student, for consenting to continue this excellent feature in this

issue. By carrying out the stated goals and with increased student involvement, the editors feel that this year's BELL RINGER will be a viable student publication.

Register Shows Rich MBA History

Date: Feb. 1, 1847 / Name: Gustavus Samuel Elgin / Age: 18 (yr.), 5 (mo.) / Guardian: John Emison /

Address: Georgetown, Ky.

So reads the first entry in the Register of Cadets of the Western Military Institute, more familiarly known as the Montgomery Bell Academy Register. Few people realize that the book which is collecting the names of the members of the present student body has been in use for the past 127 years.

Over the 127-year span, a few changes have occurred concerning the book. The column for remarks, which once contained such phrases in regard to particular students as "left on account of mother's sickness," "discharged," "dismissed," and "died," has fallen into disuse. Also the style of writing has changed greatly with the invention of the ballpoint pen. The earlier signatures are noteworthy for their decorative style and use of fountain-tip pens. Whereas the more recent signers have given their ages in number of years only, the earlier ones indicated both years and number of years only, the earlier ones indicated both years and

One part of the register's pages

that is still found in the modern section is the lengthy pledge used during the Western Military Institute period.

I hereby pledge myself, upon my honor as a gentleman, strictly to observe the Rules and Regulations of the Western Military Institute, during my connection with it as a Cadet; cheerfully to obey all orders of its constituted authorities; to be punctual in my attendence at Recitations and Roll Calls, and in the performance of every other duty; to apply myself faithfully and methodically to my studies; and to give all proper aid in promoting the highest order of discipline in the Institute. And I hereby certify, on honor, that I have delivered into the hands of the Commandant all my private arms and ammunitions. and ammunitions.

and ammunitions.

Needless to say, some of the provisions (in particular those of the last sentence) of the pledge have become outdated over the years, but the pledge is a reminder of the background and heritage of Montgomery Bell Academy. In only two instances has the pledge been omitted or marked out. Off and on, from September 13, 1870

to March 1871, the pledge was marked out in the book. From 1871 to 1933 the pledge was untouched. When new pages were added in September 1933, the pledge was onitted from the tops of the pages. Another addition of new sheets after August 1945 restored the pledge in its former position.

The long list of names from 1847 to the present is uninterputed except for a gap of 17 blank pages from April 1864 to September 1870. This period marked the transition between the inancially troubled and war ravaged Western Military Institute and its successor, Montgomery Bell Academy. Within the register are contained many signatures of men prominent in the history and development of Tennessee. Perhaps one of the most well known is Samuel (Sam) Davis, one of the great heroes of the Confederacy in the Civil War. At the age of 18 years and 5 months, the Smyrna resident signed the registar on February 5, 1861. A bookmark is signature.

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In glancing through the re-gister, one sees a larbe number of states represented among the en-

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tries. In addition to Tenne Alabama, Georgia, Iowa, Ken-tucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Mis-souri, Ohio, and Texas are pre-valent in the section for addresses.

valent in the section for addresses. Perhaps one of the most in-teresting parts of the register is the category for home towns of the students. Amite City (La.), Edwards Depot (Miss.), Suspension (Ala.), Kemp's Mills (La.), Greens Cut (Ga.), Triune (Tenn.), Chunnenugga (Ala.), DuBugne

(Iowa), and Thompsons Station (Tenn.) are just a few of the unusual names of towns.

At the time of the writing of this article (August 1974), there appears to be enough space in the book for six or seven more years of use at the current rate. Whether a new addition of pages for the register is made or a new book is bought, the tradition of signing a record book will probably be continued.

WILSON II COUNTY REGISTER 55th Dirtrict Representative FOR GOVERN

Where Have They Gone?

Former MBA biology teacher Representative seat in the State Mal Rust ran an unsuccessful Legislature in the August 1st electampaign for the 55th District tion.

Record Review

All of Joni Mitchell's more popular songs for this year to date should be found on Court and Spark (Asylum), an album that is one of the few masterpieces in toto to be released this year. Songs like "Raised on Robbery" and "Help Me" (and soon "Free Man in Paris") have certainly helped album sales, but all cuts share Mitchell's wonderful subtlety in her vocals and words, along with some surprising aralong with some surprising arrangements. Three other cuts worth mentioning: "Down to You", a beautiful song despite overly lush orchestration; "Peo-ple's Parties"; and "Just Like This Train", which is probably the best cut on the albu

Procol Harum, in their Grand Hotel album (Chrysalis), has truly invoked the changing mood of our times. That may sound a bit trite, but songs like "Tou-

jours l'Amour", "A Rum Tale", and "Fires (Which Burnt Bright-ly)" exhibit through word and song a very real mixture of decadence, cynicism, and despair. In addition to the successful Reid-Brooker partnership and the usually fine work of the whole group, Christianne Legrand of the Swingle Singers guested on "Fires (Which Burnt Brightly)". One especially good cut is "For Liquo-rice John" (very deep). Anyone even slightly interested in Pro-

even slightly interested in Pro-col Harum must get this album. (Note: A new release best avoided is Nick DeCaro's Italian avoided is Nick DeCaro's Italian Graffiti (Bue Thumb); this sup-posedly good arranger managed to ruin some good standard songs with a whiny voice and very un-suitable orchestrations. How can an arranger for Gordon Lightfoot, Dan Hicks etc. produce this trash?—B. T.

See Bill Carpenter at Everett Holzanfel

Alumni Take Honors

William H. Frist, "70, achieved outstanding honors and recognition at Princeton University. Billy was elected to the University's Board of Trustees and was given the Harold Willis Dodds Award which is presented at graduation to the Senior who best embodies the qualities of clear thinking, moral courage, a patient and judicious regard for the opinion of others, and a thoroughgoing devotion to the welfare of the University and to the life of the mind. Before entering Harvard University Medical School in the fall, he will coordinate the Student Summer Health Project for the state of New Jersey. One of his assistants will be John Gibson, "70, who was on our faculty after his graduation from Vanderbilt last January.

Marc Stengel, "74, has been no-William H. Frist, '70, achieved

Marc Stengel, '74, has been notified that because of his successful Advance Placement work at MBA, he can move directly into the Sophomore Class at Harvard this fall. . . .

Harry T. Hoffman, Jr., '72, was marry T. Hoffman, Jr., '72, was recognized by the Sewanee Var-sity Basketball team as the "Best Foul Shooter" and "Most Im-proved Player" on the squad last year. James A. Sugg, Jr., '70, is an engineer in computer science re-search for Itel Corp., Santa Clara, California.

David P. Hyatt, '66, is now known as "Reverend" as he was ordained into the ministry on June 9th. David graduated from Vanderbilt in 1970 with a B.A. in psychology, and since then has been studying at the Lexington, Ky. Seminary towards a Doctor of Ministry degree. At the present time, David is an associate minister of the Union Avenue Christian Church in St. Louis.

Robert Deaver Collins, Jr. '70.

Robert Deaver Collins, Jr., '70, Robert Deaver Collins, Jr., "10, achieved an outstanding record at Amherst College where he graduated cum laude. Majoring in English, Deaver's honors thesis was entitled: "The Effect of the Civil War upon Walt Whitman's Personal and Poetic Perspectives." This fall he will begin Medical School at Vanderbilt.

Not to be outdone, Brett Turn-ley Kirkpatrick, '69, also gradu-ated cum laude from Amherst. Brett was elected to Sigmi XI, the national honorary scientific re-search society, and was awarded the Robert L Leeds, Jr. Honor Award which is a \$100 bond

and an engraved medallion presented to a senior who has demonstrated through action a lasting commitment to projects of social concern. Brett's honors thesis was entitled: "The Effects of 6-Hydroxydopamine on the General Behavior and Amphetamine Response of the Decorticate Rat."

Jerry S. Greer, '67, graduator,' 17, and is now an economist with Charles T. Main, Inc., an engineering consulting firm in

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Clive H. Sell, '72, is attending Amherst College where he earned a Varsity letter in crew.

James F. Stifler, 71, graduated
Phi Beta Kappa from Washington
University, St. Louis, in the spring
and now is a research assistant to
the University of California's Department of Geophysics in Berkeley, working on geothermal
energy site locations and earthquake predictions. In the fall,
Jamie has received an honorary
fellowship toward's a Master's degree in geophysics.

Alex B. Buchanan, '71, spent last year at the University of Leeds, Leeds, England, and he plans to return in the fall to complete his senior year at Vander-vilt, Alex is majoring in English.

Bruce E. Jones, '69, was elected to Phi Beta Kappa at Vanderbilt where he graduated with a major in General Biology. Bruce is presently in Vanderbilt Medical School.

Phillip R. Jones, '71, graduated from Vanderbilt in three years with a major in Electrical Engineering, Phillip was elected to Tau Beta Pi his sophomore year and received the Founder's Medal for his perfect 3.00 final grade point average. He plans to enter Vanderbilt University Medical School in the fall.

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thrills watching cows grazing or tending to the soybean crop, then staying in Small Town U.S.A. (in other words, a place like Milan) would be naught but bliss. For the suburbanite who likes a concert or a play or a good movie now and then, and who can tell the difference between veal parmigiano and breaded veal steak, then by all means visit these picturesque villages—but goodness sakes stay briefly. Culture shock, even from Nashville to Milan, Tennessee, is hard to handle. The BELL RINGER wishes to thank Mr. Laird Smith

for his help in gathering the

Small Town USA

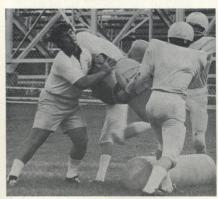
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WHMT—1190 On Your Dial—plays in broad daylight music so progressive that our progressive rock station would not play 'em at three A.M. (ever listened to Frank Zappa while eating lunch?). There is a drive-in there, and a bowling alley for modern dance—sheer poetry in motion. If you are getting bored by all these great things to see and do, then Jackson awaits to the south, and Memphis, the Big Apple, is two hours to the southwest.

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BIG RED PREPARES FOR NEW SEASON



COACH RIDGWAY HELPS IN PRACTICE

CHEERLEADERS TO RAISE SPIRITS

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BASEBALL PLAYERS CARRY SUCCESS

THROUGH THE SUMMER SEASON

Jence, secretary of her class, tends to favor the political world. Besides working for the state LRS. this summer, she cam-paigned for Oldham as one of "Dortch's Daiseys." Jencie likes to play tennis, is a member of Kappa sooroity, and plans to at-tend Vanderbilt.

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Carolyn Thompson, a junior at Harpeth Hall, spent her summer working at Ensworth Day Camp.

Carolyn, who asserts that MBA school spirit is definitely poorer than that of other schools, hopes to stir up more interest in athletics this year since she feels that spirit is one of the most important facets of a school.

Kelly Davis, a senior from St. Cecilia, claims confusingly that she would like to be either a lawyer or "able to cheer." Seriousness asied, Kelly, who says she likes knowing people and what they like, spent this summer working for Ford-Musgrove. There, she says, she "learned

Summer baseball players from MBA were involved in three state tournaments as well as one world series while playing for their

respective teams.
Starting four players from
MBA, The Nashville Shoetiques
went to the Mickey Mantle World
Series in Sherman, Texas, before
being eliminated. Jack Nuismer,
Nick Ganick, Bill Smith, and
Steve Burch led the Shoetiques

through the state and southeast regional championships but lost

in the series.

Robert Harris, MBA's premier pitcher last spring as a junior, led C. Hooper Realty to three vic-

BEAMS

TRUSSES

secretary of her class, the importance of people working

the importance of people working together."

Tara Crenshaw, who moved to Nashville from Seattle in the 6th grade, attends Harpeth Hall where she is a senior. Tara claims to love the outdoors as evidenced by her enjoyment of hiking and skiing and her work at Y.M.C.A. day camp since she "loves children and couldn't stay indoors all summer."

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Cindy Goertz, a junior representative on the St. Cecilia Student Council, asserts that she likes "fast things," such as ski-ing, tennis, and football. If Cindy decides not to be a psychologist, she hopes to be an airline stewardess since she likes "to travel around meeting new people."

Celeste Griscomb spent most of this summer travelling throughout England and mainland Europe. She is a senior from Harpeth Hall, where she works on expanding her artistic talents and is secretary-treasurer of her class.

tories in the Connie Mack League state tournament prior to elimina-tion. Harris finished the season with thirteen wins and only three loses including a victory in the

state tournament.

In the Junior Babe Ruth
League, The Nashville Nationals
were led to the southeast regional

tournament by pitchers John Hill and Gage Whittier. The Nationals won the state tournament with Whittier and Hill combining to win three games before being eliminated in the regional tournament at Lawrenceburg, Tennes-

see, where Hill gained two addi-tional wins.

ANGLES & BARS

CHANNELS

As summer football practice opened at MBA on August 9, the 1974 squad began its long journey to accept the challenge of a very competitive NIL Western Divi-

sion.
Pre-season polls have all stated that MBA could take a demanding lead in the Western Division by defeating its first two opponents, Overton and Hillsboro respectively.

tively.
With the loss of half the 1973 team by graduation, many new players will join the few returnplayers will join the few return-ing lettermen to comprise the starting teams. Senior captains Gerry Goertz and Robert Harris will provide leadership and ex-perience for the new team. Offensively, the Big Red will be

Offensively, the Big Red will be led by running backs Joe Davis and Gerry Goertz. With the blocking of Chandler, Gaddes, Marsh, Weiland, and Rappuhn on the line, a new wishbone attack will be engineered by quarterback Robert Harris. When passing is needed, the team will rely on ends Mike Ralaton and John-Parker.

Defensively, juniors John Hill and Clint Regen will call the alignments from the linebacking position. The secondary sees Parker, Goertz, Burch, and sophomore Barry Duke as the starters.

The coaching staff will be joined by three new coaches. Head coach Ray Ridgway is joined this year by line coach Danny Buck and backfield coaches Jim Jefferson and Jay Ramsey. After its first pre-season scrimmage with Glencliff, the Big Red looked strong in conditioning and

looked strong in conditioning and fundamental execution. With fundamental execution.

depth as a major off-season con-cern, the second team did an ex-cellent job of substituting for the starters during the scrimmage. If MBA continues to progress and receive good support from the study body, the frequently talked about "lack of experience" could be seen to conveye by the Big. be easily overcome by the Big Red for a successful season.



GOERTZ FINISHES "BURMA ROAD" DRILL

Wells to Lead Cross Country

Harriers Seek NIL Crown

While losing co-captains Lee Thornton and Joe Collier by grad-uation, Coach Michael Drake's 1974 edition of the MBA harriers will be loaded with talent and

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1974 edition

Slaughter and Gerry Perry should lead the race for the championship; however, with a sixth place finish in the individual race last year, Scott Wells could provide a tough pace for Slaughter and Perry to match.

Team-wise, senior Johnny Schaffner and junior Brion Friedman, both starters from last year, will be called upon to help Wells

pete for these open spots this fall.

With a lot of hard work, the
Big Red harriers feel that they
could bring MBA its first NIL

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